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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 3859

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, XA, OAU, CG
SUBJECT: LOS - OAU MINISTERIAL AND HEADS OF STATE MEETING

REFS: (A) STATE 87006; (B) KINSHASA 3587 (NOTAL)

1. KALONDJI (PARA 4 REF A) IS WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND STATE COMMISSIONER FOR FONAFF NGUZA IN ITALY AND NOT EXPTECED BACK IN KINSHASA UNTIL MAY 14. EMBOFF THEREFORE MET MAY 10 WITH DEPTFONAFF LEGAL DIVISION CHIEF LUKABU WHO REPRESENTED ZAIRE AT RECENT OAU GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING IN ADDIS. LUKABU CONFIRMED THAT MAJORITY OF EXPERTS ENDORSED INNOCENT PASSAGE WHILE TAKING NOTE OF STRONG RESERVATIONS OF ETHIOPIA, TUNISIA AND SENEGAL. REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE THREE STATES SAID THEY WOULD REOPEN QUESTION AT OAU MINISTERIAL
MEETING. LUKABU INDICATED THAT HIS POSITION HAD BEEN TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY WITHOUT TAKING IMPORTANT PART IN DISCUSSION.

2. WHEN EMBOFF SET FORTH POINTS OUTLINED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REF A,
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LUKABU COMMENTED THAT HIS POSITION AT ADDIS DID NOT COMMIT ZAIRE. HE SAID ZAIRIAN POSITION ON LOSE AT MINISTERIAL MEETING IS STILL UP TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. HE DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY TO QUESTION OF HOW BEST TO AVOID OAU ENDORSEMENTOF INNOCENT PASSAGE, BUT POINTEDOUT THAT ONLY 32 STATES HAD BEEN REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF EXPERTS AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OAU MINISTERS WERE OF COURSE NOT BINDING. IMPLICATION WAS THAT US DEMARCHE COULD PROVE USEFUL.

3. WHEN KALONDJI RETURNS WE WILL WEIGH IN STRONGLY AGAINST FREEZING OF OAU POSITION ON PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS AND URGE THAT ZAIRE WORK ACTIVELY TO THIS END.
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